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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir :

In response to the Restriction Requirement of September 13, 2007, in which a one-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on October 15, 2007 (October 13, 2007 falling on a Saturday), Applicants hereby elect the invention (as identified by the Examiner) to which the claims of Group II (as identified by the Examiner), i.e., claims 3-10, are directed.

Amendments to the Claims are shown beginning on page 2 of this paper.
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